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REACTION TO CONJUGATED UNSATURATED GROUPS

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed on October 6, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1-13 stand rejected for anticipation by Capecchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,292,514; hereafter "Capecchi") and Mueller et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,711,903; hereafter "Mueller"). Claims 1-19 stand further rejected for lack of written description.